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| In re the application of: Robert WILFER, <i>et al.</i> | Attorney Docket No.: 2901886-000025 |
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| For: Smoke- and Steam-Permeable Food Casing Comprising a Flavored Interior Surface | |

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the final Office action mailed January 6, 2011. Accordingly, a timely response is due on or before July 6, 2010 with a petition and payment for a three-month extension of time.

A **Petition for Extension of Time** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) is submitted concurrently with this paper.

The **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

A **Request for Continued Examination** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(e), is filed herewith in this application after final rejection. Because this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114, and because the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(e) has been timely paid, Applicants request that the finality of the previous Office action be withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.114.